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For: Silicon/Silicon Carbide Composite and

Process for Manufacturing the Same

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the claims of **Group I**, claims 1-5 and 18-19, for prosecution in the subject application.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicants will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995) of method claims 6-17 and 20-29.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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